Cases registered of children engaged as domestic help

897. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons below the age of 14 years engaged as domestic help and in small scale industry so far detected in Delhi during 2007; and

(b) the number of cases registered by the Delhi Police/administration against those responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Delhi Police has informed that 194 persons below the age of 14 years engaged as domestic help and in small scale industry have been detected in the year 2007 (upto 23rd November). Delhi Police has registered 16 cases in this regard.

Manpower crunch in Tihar jail

898. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of prisoners lodged in Tihar Jail is more than double the sanctioned capacity and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Tihar Jail is facing severe manpower crunch on account of 25 per cent vacancies of prison staff remain unfilled and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not filling up the existing vacancies; and

(c) by when the staff strength would be increased to cope with the additional number of prisoners in the jail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Yes, Sir. At present the total sanctioned capacity on nine Central Jails at Tihar Complex and one District Jail at Rohini is to lodge 6250 prisoners. Against this capacity, there were 11824 prisoners in Delhi Jails as on 21.11.2007.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. At present, total strength of Jail staff in different ranks is 1684, out of which 422 are vacant. Prison Department had taken up the matter with Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board and other concerned agencies for expeditious filling up of the vacant posts.

Encroachment by Bangladesh on Indo-Bangladesh border

899. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 64.232 km area is totally open in Indo-Bangladesh border where Bangladesh has encroached nearly 500 acres of land of Assam;

(b) whether the proper recording of crimes in the cross border unlawful activities in Indo-Bangladesh border is done;

(c) whether Government is aware that cattle are illegally exported to Kurigram of Bangladesh through Satkarai Bari-Sanguchar-Deepchar-Kananimara-Balliaralga to feed their leather factories as raw material *via* south border road of Dhubri district in Assam; and

(d) whether Government has issued any valid trading permission towards such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) No Indian land in Assam has been encroached by Bangladesh.

(b) As and when any transborder crimes occur, FIR is lodged with the local police and protest notes are also lodged with their counterparts by BSF.

(c) and (d) The Government is aware of the menace of illegal cattle smuggling to Bangladesh. The Government has not issued any trading permission for cattle export to Bangladesh. However, Government has taken various steps to check cattle smuggling which include round the clock surveillance of the border, conduct of special raids, establishment of new BOPs, closing of cattle corridors, erection of border fencing, etc.

Weak deportation laws *vis-a-vis* illegal Bangladeshi migrants

†900. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orders have been issued not to register cases under Foreign Nationals Act and Passport Act against nationals of Bangladesh residing illegally in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are often sent back to India due to the weak deportation laws for sending them to Bangladesh; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that law and order situation is deteriorating due to continuous inflow of Bangladeshi nationals and thereby disturbing social and political equilibrium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The State Governments/UT Administrations have been empowered under section 3 (2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals illegally staying in India. Administrative instructions are issued from time to time requesting the State Governments/UT Administrations to detect and deport illegal Bangaldeshi migrants staying in the country. Moreover, the law enforcement agencies are vigilant and competent to deal with the cases of any foreigners, including Bangladeshi nationals, involved in criminal activities as per the provisions of law.

Refusal of entry to valid visa holders by immigration authorities

901. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many visitors with valid visas were refused entry in India by the immigration authorities since April, 2007;

(b) whether it is a fact that a visitor having a long duration visa coming from Los Angeles was not allowed entry at Delhi airport on the morning of 19th September, 2007;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.